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Hideaki Hirai et al. (AS AMENDED)

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For: OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL PICKUP UNIT, AND OPTICAL DISK DRIVE UNIT

Examiner: N. Z. Hindi

AMENDMENT REGARDING INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the cancellation of claims by Examiner's Amendment, Applicants respectfully request the deletion of the name of inventor Shigeru Ohuchida as one of the inventors of the invention claimed in remaining claims 1, 3, 4, 11 and 82. The inventor's invention is no longer being claimed in this nonprovisional application.

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